

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A method for shopping in a physical retailer and online, the method
2 comprising:
3 . providing a database and a handheld data entry unit including an internal
4 memory;
5 storing item information corresponding to items scanned in the physical
6 retailer in the internal memory of the data entry unit;
7 downloading the item information from the internal memory of the data entry
8 unit to the database;
9 creating a wish list that includes the items;
10 storing the wish list on the database;
11 providing a web site that allows a user to generate one or more buy lists, each
12 buy list including one or more of the items from the wish list; and
13 transmitting a message to a buyer in order to inform the buyer of the existence
14 of one or more of the buy lists.

1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the buyer is a concierge service,
2 further including electronically authorizing the concierge service to purchase one or
3 more of the items on the buy list through a retailer or e-tailer.

1 3. The method of claim 1, further including:
2 allowing the user to create an access mechanism identifying a list of buyers
3 that are allowed to access one or more of the buy lists.

1 4. The method of claim 3, wherein the access control mechanism is selected from
2 the group consisting of an access control list, password protection, public access and
3 private access.

1 5. The method of claim 1, further including:
2 allowing the user to create an access control list (ACL) that identifies certain
3 buyers that are allowed to access one or more of the buy lists; and
4 electronically requesting one or more of the buyers on the ACL to purchase
5 one or more of the items on the buy list.

1 6. The method of claim 1, further including allowing the user to add additional
2 items to the wish list by shopping at electronic retailers.

1 7. The method of claim 1, further including allowing the user to add additional
2 items to the buy list by shopping at electronic retailers.

1 8. The method of claim 1, further including:
2 linking the buyer to the web site; and
3 displaying a web page containing one of the buy lists.

1 9. The method of claim 1, further including:
2 linking the buyer to the web site; and
3 displaying a web page containing the buy list corresponding to the buyer.

1 10. The method of claim 1, further including allowing the buyer to buy one of the
2 items on the buy list through an electronic retailer by linking the buyer to the
3 electronic retailer.

1 11. The method of claim 1, further including allowing the buyer to electronically
2 notify and authorize a concierge service to purchase one of the items on the buy list
3 through a retailer or e-tailer.

1 12. A computer system for shopping in a physical retailer and online, the computer
2 system comprising:

3 a processor;

4 a database coupled to the processor; and

5 at least one handheld data entry unit including an internal memory;

6 the data entry unit being programmed to:

7 scan physical items;

8 store item information corresponding to the scanned items in the
9 internal memory; and

10 download the item information from the internal memory of the data
11 entry unit to the database;

12 the processor being programmed to:

13 create a wish list that includes items corresponding to the item
14 information downloaded to the database;

15 provide a web site that is in communication with the database, the web
16 site allowing a user to generate one or more event lists, each event list
17 including one or more of the items from the wish list;

18 allow the user to create an access mechanism that identifies a list of
19 buyers that are allowed to access one or more of the event lists; and

20 transmit a message to one of the listed buyers in order to inform the
21 listed buyer of the existence of one or more of the event lists.

1 13. The computer system of claim 12, wherein the data entry unit comprises a
2 personal digital assistant (PDA).

1 14. The computer system of claim 12, wherein the data entry unit comprises a
2 barcode scanner.

1 15. The computer system of claim 12, wherein the processor is further
2 programmed to allow the user to add additional items to the wish list by shopping at
3 electronic retailers.

1 16. The computer system of claim 12, wherein the processor is further
2 programmed to allow the user to add additional items to the event list by shopping at
3 electronic retailers.

1 17. The computer system of claim 12, wherein the processor is further
2 programmed to:

3 link the listed buyer to the web site; and

4 display a web page containing the event list corresponding to the listed buyer.

1 18. The computer system of claim 12, wherein the access control mechanism is
2 selected from the group consisting of an access control list, password protection,
3 public access and private access.

1 19. The computer system of claim 12, wherein the processor is further
2 programmed to link the listed buyer to an electronic retailer that sells one of the items
3 on the event list.

1 20. The computer system of claim 12, wherein the processor is further

2 programmed to allow the listed buyer to electronically notify and authorize a
3 concierge service to purchase one of the items on the event list through a retailer or e-
4 tailer.

1 21. A computer server for hosting a system for shopping in a physical retailer and
2 online, the server comprising:

3 a processor; and

4 a database accessible to the processor;

5 the processor being programmed to:

6 download data representing one or more items from a handheld data
7 entry unit to the database;

8 create a wish list from the data downloaded to the database, the wish
9 list including the one or more items;

10 provide a web site that is in communication with the database, the web
11 site allowing a user to generate one or more buy lists, each buy list including
12 one or more of the one or more items from the wish list; and

13 transmit a message to a buyer in order to inform the buyer of the
14 existence of one or more of the buy lists.

1 22. The computer server of claim 21, the processor being further programmed to:

2 allow the user to create an access mechanism that identifies a list of buyers
3 that are allowed to access one or more of the buy lists; and

4 transmit a message to at least one of the listed buyers in order to inform the
5 listed buyer of the existence of one or more of the buy lists.

1 23. The computer server of claim 22, the processor being further programmed to
2 allow the user to electronically request at least one of the listed buyers to purchase one
3 or more of the items on the buy list.

1 24. The computer system of claim 22, wherein the access control mechanism is
2 selected from the group consisting of an access control list, password protection,
3 public access and private access.

1 25. The computer server of claim 21, wherein the buyer is a concierge service, the
2 processor being further programmed to electronically authorize the concierge service
3 to purchase one or more of the items on the buy list through a retailer or e-tailer.

1 26. The computer server of claim 21, the processor being further programmed to
2 allow the user to add additional items to the wish list by shopping at electronic
3 retailers.

1 27. The computer server of claim 21, the processor being further programmed to:
2 link at least one of the buyers to the web site; and
3 display a web page containing the buy list corresponding to the at least one
4 buyer.

1 28. A method of receiving and communicating a list of one or more items over the
2 Internet, the method comprising:

3 downloading data representing the items from a handheld data entry unit to a
4 database;

5 creating a wish list from the data downloaded to the database, the wish list
6 including one or more of the items;

7 providing a web site that is in communication with the database, the web site
8 allowing a user to generate one or more event lists, each event list including one or
9 more of the items from the wish list;

10 allowing the user to create an access mechanism that identifies a list of users
11 that are allowed to access one or more of the event lists; and

12 transmitting a message to at least one of the listed users in order to inform the
13 listed user of the existence of one or more of the event lists.

1 29. The method of claim 28, further including allowing the listed user to buy one
2 of the items on the event list through an electronic retailer.

1 30. An Internet based method of receiving and communicating a list of one or
2 more items over the Internet, the method comprising:

3 providing a web site having a user interface including one or more user
4 windows, the one or more windows providing an event list screen and a wish list
5 screen;

6 retrieving a list of one or more items;

7 arranging the one or more items into one or more wish lists on the wish list
8 screen;

9 entering one or more events into an event list on the event list screen;

10 assigning one or more of the items from the wish list to one or more of the
11 event lists;

12 creating an access mechanism that identifies a list of buyers that are allowed to
13 access one or more of the event lists; and

14 transmitting a message to at least one of the listed buyers in order to inform the
15 listed buyer of the existence of one or more of the event lists.

1 31. The Internet based method of claim 30, wherein the one or more windows
2 provide a registration screen.

1 32. The Internet based method of claim 31, further including allowing a user to
2 enter registration information on the registration screen to allow access to the event
3 list screen and the wish list screen.

1 33. A computer system for shopping in a physical retailer and online, the computer
2 system being programmed to:

3 download data representing one or more items from a handheld data entry unit
4 to a database;

5 create a wish list from the data downloaded to the database, the wish list
6 including the one or more items;

7 provide a web site that is in communication with the database, the web site
8 allowing a user to generate one or more event lists, each event list including one or
9 more of the one or more items from the wish list; and

10 connect the user with an online retailer in order to add items to one or more of
11 the event lists.

1 34. The computer system of claim 33, further instructing the computer to:

2 allow the user to create an access mechanism that identifies a list of buyers
3 that are allowed to access one or more of the event lists; and

4 transmit a message to at least one of the listed buyers in order to inform the
5 listed buyer of the existence of one or more of the event lists.

1 35. The computer system of claim 34, further instructing the computer to connect
2 the listed buyer with an online retailer in order to purchase one or more of the items
3 on one or more of the event lists.

1 36. The computer system of claim 33, further instructing the computer to connect
2 the user with an online retailer in order to purchase one or more of the items on one or
3 more of the event lists.

1 37. The computer system of claim 33, further instructing the computer to
2 electronically authorize a concierge service to purchase one or more of the items on
3 the event list through a retailer or e-tailer.

1 38. A computer system for shopping in a physical retailer and online, the computer
2 system being programmed to:

3 download data representing one or more items from a handheld data entry unit
4 to a database;

5 create a wish list from the data downloaded to the database, the wish list
6 including the one or more items;

7 provide a web site that is in communication with the database, the web site
8 allowing a user to generate one or more buy lists, each buy list including one or more
9 of the one or more items from the wish list; and

10 transmit a message to a concierge service to buy the items on one or more of
11 the buy lists.

1 39. The computer system of claim 38, wherein the concierge service buys and
2 ships the items on one or more of the buy lists to the user.

1 40. The computer system of claim 38, wherein the concierge service buys and
2 delivers the items on one or more of the buy lists to the user.

1 41. The computer system claim 38, further instructing the computer to:
2 allow the user to create an access mechanism that identifies a list of persons
3 who are allowed to access one or more of the buy lists; and
4 transmit a message to one or more of the listed persons in order to inform the
5 listed persons of the existence of one or more of the buy lists.

1 42. The computer system of claim 38, further instructing the computer to update
2 the one or more buy lists to indicate what items have been purchased.

1 43. A computer system for shopping in a physical retailer and online, the system
2 comprising:

3 a processor; and

4 a database accessible to the processor;

5 the processor being programmed to:

6 allow a user to create a wish list including one or more items by

7 shopping at one or more electronic retailers;

8 store the wish list on the database;

9 provide a web site that is in communication with the database, the web

10 site allowing a user to generate one or more buy lists which include one or

11 more of the items from the wish list; and

12 transmit a message to a buyer in order to inform the buyer of the

13 existence of one or more of the buy lists.

1 44. The system of claim 43, wherein the buyer is a concierge service, the processor
2 being further programmed to electronically authorize the concierge service to
3 purchase one or more of the items on the buy list through a retailer or e-tailer.

1 45. The system of claim 43, wherein the processor is further programmed to:
2 allow the user to create an access mechanism that identifies a list of buyers
3 that are allowed to access one or more of the buy lists; and
4 electronically request one or more of the listed buyers to purchase one or more
5 of the items on the buy list.

1 46. The system of claim 43, wherein the processor is further programmed to allow
2 the user to add additional items to the wish list by shopping at retailers or e-tailers.